

# Newcastle University Boat Club

## Newsletter, October 2011



Well, the busy busy winter months have come and gone, and there's been a lot of activity around the boat club! Anniversary celebrations, fundraising events, Uni Games as well as the marathon and two regattas have been filling our time for the past two months – here's a quick snapshot of what has been happening!

### Marathon



Marathon: Men's Quad

We entered three very successful crews into the reintroduced Head of the Hunter marathon this year (a joint effort between Newcastle Rowing Club, Endeavour Rowing Club and NUBC). All three boats came in the top 5, and our composite Men's Quad (Jason Nissen, Jack Hanley, Anthony Mujic and Liam James - Balmain) took out first place!



Marathon: Women's Eight, Men's Double

### Boat Naming and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug past and present members of the boat club got together to celebrate 50 years as a club! We started the day off with a lovely boat naming ceremony at the Berry Park shed, featuring a wonderful blessing by the Venerable Arthur Copeman.



A large proportion of the boat's namesakes were able to attend, and following the ceremony about eight of our alumni members took us up on the offer to jump back in a boat!



We continued the day with a formal dinner at Longworth house that evening. The night had a great turn out, with over 120 people attending the celebration. Amusing and heartfelt speeches from Bob Hyde, Beverly Donald, Diana Dagg, Hugh Dunstan, Bronwyn Deane, Annelise Bissett, Natasha Pianca and Merran Holmes kept the crowd well entertained throughout the night.



Annelise Bissett speaking at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

As mentioned in other emails – please email [secretary@nubc.info](mailto:secretary@nubc.info) if you would like a CD with the photos from the night or are interested in purchasing any NUBC uniform items.

### Pre-IV Regatta

NUBC began the racing season with a strong performance at our own regatta, with wins in the Men's Masters Single Scull, Men's B Grade Single Scull, Men's B Grade Double Scull, Men's B Grade Quad Scull, Men's C Grade Coxed four, Mens B Grade Eight, Women's C Grade Double Scull, Women's C Grade Coxless Pair, Women's D Grade Quad Scull, and the Mixed A-D Grade Eight.



Men's Double

Although the lack of Boat Race Officials meant the course had to be shortened to 1km, everyone enjoyed a fun day of racing in unseasonably warm weather.



Excited NUBC members

### Henley on Hunter

A few NUBC competitors made it a full weekend of racing, and backed up on the Sunday at the Henley on Hunter Regatta. We had a win with the Men's Open Double Scull, and a close second in the Women's Open Single Scull.

### Trivia Night

For the third year, NUBC hosted a fundraising Trivia night on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at South's Leagues Club. There was a great turn out, with nearly 20 tables of people attending to support the club. It was a very successful night, with the funds raised going towards Uni Games costs, and upcoming equipment purchases.

As well as mental ability, attendees were also able to showcase their athleticism, with a rowing machine challenge that included the surprise appearance of a club zootie, the difficulties involved in rowing in jeans were highlighted and the challenge ended with many of the competitors slipping off the seat (or off the whole machine) much to the amusement of everybody watching.

### Australian University Championships

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September a large group of NUBC rowers made their way to Penrith to compete at University Games. With 18 club members competing, it was our biggest attendance in years!



Men's Eight Training

After a warm and sunny start, the conditions became more and more difficult over the week culminating in races being cancelled, times being up to 4 minutes slower than in the heats, and multiple crews sinking during the finals on day three of racing.



Women's Coxed Four Racing in the B Final

NUBC entered 11 of the 16 events, and made it to the A-Finals in two of these. The results of the finals that were raced are:

4<sup>th</sup> A Final Women's Lightweight Quad Scull

4<sup>th</sup> A Final Men's Lightweight Four

2<sup>nd</sup> B Final Men's Double Scull

2<sup>nd</sup> B Final Women's Single Scull

2<sup>nd</sup> B Final Women's Coxed Four

2<sup>nd</sup> B Final Men's Eight



Men's Lightweight Four Racing in the Heats



An unfortunate start in the Women's Lightweight Quad

NUBC got their nerd on at a Beauty and the Geek themed Trivia night (in more ways than one – we came 4<sup>th</sup> out of around 20 teams!), and partied with Adelaide and Monash (all rivalry forgotten) on Friday night at the end of the big week of racing.



We overcame sunburn, blisters and a broken oar, and enjoyed sing-alongs, movies, nail polish and makeovers during a huge week that ended with team spirit abounding and strong friendships forming between the team members.



NUBC Team Photo

Special mention goes to: Tarin Forgetful Davis, which needs no explanation, and Ellie Muscles Bollinger, the most unlikely person at AUCs to break an oar.



### Upcoming Regattas

Some of the regattas NUBC are planning to attend over the next few months are:

- Spring Regatta (SIRC, 22/10/11)
- NUBC (Berry Park, 29/10/11)
- HVGS (Berry Park, 30/10/11)
- Port Macquarie (Wauchope, 13/11/11)
- CDRA Sprints (Throsby Creek, 4/12/11)
- RNSW Premiership Regatta (SIRC, 10/12/11)
- NSW Sprint Champs (SIRC, 11/12/11)

As well as Taree, Small Boats Regatta, Endeavour Regatta, RNSW Champs and CDRA Champs in 2012.

## AGM and New Executive

On the 10/09/11 NUBC held its Annual General Meeting to discuss club related issues and elect new representatives to the executive. The minutes of this meeting will be available on the Resources section of our website in the near future.

Without further ado, the NUBC Exec of 2011-2012 consists of:

President: Merran Holmes



Vice President: Roanne Maxwell



Secretary: Rachael Kirby-Faust



Treasurer: Conrad Bond



Boat Captain: Chris Maytom



Regatta Planner: Natasha Pianca



Sponsorship/Social Coordinator: Brad Huggins



We are all very excited about the prospect of working together for the next year, with the aim of continuing to improve the boat club, and provide more facilities and opportunities to our members.

## Alumni

We were very excited to meet some of you at our events this year, and are keen to continue to get to know the past members of NUBC. If you are in the area and would like to have a row or visit one of the local regattas, feel free to email [secretary@nubc.info](mailto:secretary@nubc.info).

If you wish to become more involved in the club through avenues such as coaching or sponsorship, please email [president@nubc.info](mailto:president@nubc.info) for more information.

Feel free to encourage any friends or rowing contacts to join our mailing list, at <http://nubc.info/subscribe/>

And finally, if you would like to be part of the University of Newcastle's Alumni mailing list (non-NUBC), you can sign up here:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/alumni/update-your-details/>

